Maharishi Mahesh Yogi
WHEN AND WHY DOES LORD KRISHNA COME?
Squaw Valley, Tape 23
August 22, 1968

Questioner 1:
Maharishi, you often speak of God. Is there an evil force, say the devil, something along the lines of God representing the dark forces?

Maharishi:
Lack of appreciation of God and that ignorance could act as a devil.

Questioner 1:
No, I mean is there one incarnate being of evil?

Maharishi:
God incarnates, evil does not. God incarnates, evil does not.

Questioner 2:
[not audible]

Maharishi:
I don't want you to be held on talking level. All right [not audible] drop has got to the ocean and even though the clouds will come and some evaporation will take place, no one will be able to identify that this is the same drop that had fallen in the ocean.

[Applause]

Questioner 2:
Thank you.

Unidentified voice:
Here it is Thursday evening. This was the first of three days of long meditations, so there will be only evening meetings for the next three days. Thursday August 22nd is the beginning of the Thursday evening meeting.

Maharishi:
How was the effect of meditation today? When I came here at about quarter to six, the whole valley was sinking into deep silence. You could not have missed that even in your room. You felt that whole sinking feeling? Some one or two men here and there, not of our group, but they were moving as if in solid mass of silence without leaving any vibrations around them. The whole air was just deeply sunk in silence. Any man entering the valley would not miss it. Very deep and solid harmonious silence.

This is the intensified effect, 700 rooms producing that influence of deep peace. If we could have some such groups in different parts of the world, in no time the basis of permanent peace could be laid out. The whole effect is so physical. The whole effect is so physical. It is on this very perceivable result that we say, if people will begin to meditate the whole atmosphere will be more harmonious, less hostile and more conducive to life and progress on all levels.

Questioner 3:
[inaudible] to help mankind. Would that be possible?

Maharishi:
People in God consciousness, they do help the people, but until the body lasts.

Questioner 3:
[inaudible] but next time.

Maharishi:
They all take a chance. If they want to continue, they'll continue, but wouldn't like to go and come. Going is disallowed.

Questioner 3:
Lord Krishna says he comes from age to age [inaudible]

Maharishi:
What happens is that the purpose of creation is evolution, and innumerable laws of nature are engaged in creating things and evolving them. Creation, evolution, evolution, evolution. Such great varieties there in the cosmos, such great variety, and then everything has to evolve, evolve, evolve. All the cosmic intelligence functioning through the different laws of nature is engaged in this one way to the higher evolution to higher evolution.

By the wrong doings of man on earth, the whole atmosphere becomes strained, just as by your all day meditation here, the whole valley is very harmonious and silent. We hear there are many groups other than us, but the whole influence in the air is dominating. Meditation is dominating. Just as you are creating such wonderful influence from meditation, people who don't meditate create an atmosphere of stress and strain and tension. As the stress increases, the laws of nature, working for the evolution of everything, their actions becomes strained in the areas where people are strained. Flowers don't bloom in full. The earth becomes less fertile. Undue rain, undue heat. Epidemics, hostile tendencies, all these begin to develop. And as it develops, the functioning of the natural laws for the evolution of everything becomes more and more strained, and there is a limit to which the world's atmosphere could be strained. It's like you stretch a rubber band, and there is a limit to which it can be stretched, beyond which it can only break, and it breaks.

All these wars, some fighting going on here, some fighting going on here, all these are the expressions of the unbearability of the atmosphere for any more increase of stress and strain. It must break. It is the experience of all the people, if not of us, of people in the previous generation. There is a world war, and then the war is over, maybe two years, five years, whatever. And then there is a lull for twenty, thirty years. In that twenty, thirty years time, the people in the world have again strained the atmosphere. And now the breaking point comes, and it breaks here and it may break here.

So, just as in the system, the system is so frail, that it keeps on eliminating stress and strain every night, every night. Due to rest, stress and strain gets eliminated. But, if it's more than what can be eliminated in one night, then it starts accumulating, starts accumulating, and then the system can take so much and no more. Something will come up. Some fever, something, something. So it's just a cleansing process in the body that the stress can be sustained to that degree and no more. Same thing in the whole atmosphere.

So, these wars keep on happening. Yet there are certain strains which keep on developing, developing, developing. When the whole way of life becomes so completely dangerous to human existence, dangerous to existence in creation, then in Gita it is said dharma is in danger. That which upholds, that which sustains, and what sustains? That cosmic intelligence working through the laws of nature sustains. So when the laws of nature can no longer work, they are hampered. When they are hampered to a very great degree, and there is no chance of any further progress, a sort of jam is found on the path of evolution.

To clear that jam, some more powerful personalities come in. They clear the jam and establish a way of life which will naturally allow the people to produce more harmonious life supporting influence, so that life supporting influence could sustain the creation. And sustain the laws of nature. And once the revival comes, and the way of life is revived, life supporting influence starts to

be admitted in the atmosphere. After some time, again man forgets. The whole thing becomes jumbled up.

Again something comes. Again something comes. Like that, revivals keep on coming. Of different intensities, revivals of different intensities comes up. And then depending upon how long time they're influence could last, then again the revival comes, and the negative.

This keeps on. But in spite of these small small revivals from time to time, from time to time, the overall ignorance keeps on increasing, and when the whole thing gets upset, much bigger powers come and much bigger powers are needed and then much bigger powers are needed. And gods are needed to take care of the whole situation. But, they are not needed often. After millions of years, someone would be needed to take care of the whole generation. But generally realized people do the awakening and keep on patching.

It's like a building. Ordinary repair work here and there. Nobody calls an architect and an expert builder. Little bit here and there. But a time comes for the building, maybe the whole thing has to be renovated. Maybe even the foundation has to be rebuilt. For that, big experts are needed. Just like that.

The revival is important, and it is a natural process in creation. Individuals have little importance in this field. It's not the individuals, it is the time that does it, it is Mother Nature that does it. Individuals have no significance. They are just the mouthpiece. So, all the revival is all brought about by the almighty nature, that's all.

Questioner 4:
How does this all fit into the Indian concept of Kali Yuga, where this ignorance will increase until inevitable destruction overcomes the entire system of evolution and creation. And how does transcendental meditation fit into the Kali Yuga and so on.

Maharishi:
The story of Kali Yuga, how many have heard the name of Kali Yuga? It is not so bad as it appears on the books. See, there is always an ascending time of life. And a general descending time, and then an ascending time and then descending time. Kali Yuga is a time which is a time for descent, overall descent. More and more suffering and more and more ignorance, like that, like that. But, if it is one way descent, then it will descend quickly, and then the life of Kali Yuga will be compressed to nothing. But it has a very long life, four hundred and thirty two thousand years, that much is the span of Kali Yuga. And it is only five thousand have gone.

It is a big long time. So, it is not the life is going to descend, no. In the general descent, some ascent comes, like that. The general is going like that, but sometimes the waves come up high. So SRM is an instrument for a rising time in the overall descent period. In the overall descent, this is a rising time. And then a rising and then a rising, this is it. The general descent is there, but in between these high waves come up and if our efforts could really bring this message to every home in the world, then we have done it; for thousands of years we have done it. Because history of human race does not record a worldwide effort to enable every man to make use of full mental potential. This is just enabling a man to make use of full mental potential. Straightaway. And if our efforts could rise up to that, it is beautiful. Nothing greater than man has known in his history. Yes?

Questioner 5:
I got an image of the cosmic intelligence before creation saying, "Okay now I am perfect and I am going to make a perfect universe, and I am going to watch it work, and I get a big charge out of it." So he makes the universe and some time goes along, and he sees it is not working out right, it is running down. So he says okay, I'll send Krishna and I will fix it up. But the thing is he keeps having to do this. And I see him after several hundred cycles scratching his head and wondering what went wrong, I am perfect. How can I make a mistake? There is something wrong here because I keep having to fix it. Why couldn't the cosmic

intelligence just set things up so everything would run smoothly and it would just be all upward evolution and there would be no need for Krishna?

Maharishi:
I think cosmic intelligence lacked one intelligence. It should not have made a creation because creation means many things. Many things means some less and some more and some more and some more. To create variety, the cosmic intelligence could not but create more evolved life, and when it creates more evolved life, more evolved means ability of greater knowledge, ability of greater power, ability of greater freedom. This one thing is worrying you. Freedom. In the process of manifestation of life, some is very low, some is very high, some is not free at all, completely bound, and a level of creation is there which is free to act.

Now, cosmic intelligence has filled absolute bliss and made it omnipresent in and out of everything. But because it had to create for the sake of cosmic creation, it had to create strata of life where life could be absolutely free. I can do what I like, really I can do what I like. That thing, even though bliss is omnipresent in and out, but because I am free, I may choose to live that bliss all the time, or I may choose not to live it. I may choose to go ahead on the path of evolution, or I may choose to go the other way.

So, this has been the difficulty of cosmic intelligence which it could not overcome with the desire of creating the universe. And cosmic intelligence could only work with a desire of creating big huge variety, entire cosmos. The man's species, he had to create. He could have created differently. But he must have given to that nervous system freedom of action. It was inevitable. Because it leads life to better life and better life, like that.

Relativity has to have grades. Because of this freedom, it is not cosmic intelligence that scratches his head. It is the man who has to find his way out, and then it is the cosmic intelligence, by virtue of it being cosmic, that the entire set up of cosmic life is running automatically. The whole set is maintained in a channel, upward channel, systematically, always upward, upward. Higher life, evolved life, more evolved life.

But, man forgets his ways of life, he forgets that there is Being inside, he just forgets that it's infinite energy and intelligence. For power he runs out, for knowledge he runs out, for happiness he runs out, for life he runs out. This is the deplorable state of human intelligence, that human intelligence brings upon itself. Aided by cosmic intelligence, human intelligence is cosmic. But when man doesn't tune himself with the cosmic intelligence, then he has to scratch his head, now what to do, what to do, and every day and ten times a day, he has to scratch what to do, what to do. And the whole setup is so natural that when man has to scratch his head 100 times a day and all the men do like that, then the whole thing is shaken.

Naturally, some one comes and says come on, you are inside, experience it and be it and accomplish what you want and you don't have to suffer and go ahead meditate. The whole setup of cosmic intelligence is very, very automatic. And nothing to be blamed, only man has to be more fully developed and this will be with the knowledge of his inner potentiality.

Once we have our 5 year plan for the youth of the world going, and if we have created a pattern that every father will give a copy of the 5 year plan to his son on his 13th or 14th birthday – if this could be, in some way, if the children could start meditating and communicating to that cosmic intelligence within, to that Being, at the age of 13, 14 something like that. We'll have all the people working in tune with cosmic intelligence and then Krishna would not be needed, nobody would be needed, and the whole thing would go on automatically in every home. Revivals would not be needed because extinction of knowledge will be missing.